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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 1A-1D.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$2680** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$3580** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$2680**
 - **\$86** for 1 independent claims over 3.
 - **\$2304** for 128 total claims over 20.
 - **\$290** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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In re Patent Application of:

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Serial No. 10/822,871

Filed: April 12, 2004

For: SYNTHETIC ANTIGENS FOR THE DETECTION OF ANTIBODIES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS

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The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application: Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED form. Record the attached assignment to INNOGENETICS, S.A., Ghent, Belgium and return to the undersigned. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
PCT/EP91/02409	PCT	13/December/1991
90124241.2	Europe	14/December/1990

respectively.

 Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____, filed _____. Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Other: Amendment and four (4) sheets formal drawings**Fees due are calculated below:**

Basic filing fee	\$	770.00
Total Effective claims 133 - 20 = 113 x \$ 18.00	\$	2,034.00
Independent claims 4 - 3 = 1 x \$ 86.00	\$	86.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)	\$	290.00
FILING FEE	\$	3,180.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months; \$1480.00/4 months)	\$	
Surcharge (\$130.00) if Declaration or filing fee first now submitted	\$	130.00
English translation of specification and claims (\$130.00)	\$	0.00
FIRST SUBTOTAL	\$	3,310.00
If "small entity," enter half (½) of subtotal and subtract	\$	0.00
SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$	3,310.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)	\$	0.00
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$	3,310.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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